

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Decision on Appeal rendered October 17, 2011, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the rejections of claims 1-4 and 17-22. Claims 15-16 have been amended to remove the grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112 ¶ 2, and claim 15 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 17. As such, all pending claims are drawn to allowable subject matter in accordance with the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable. If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 953-5990 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No additional fees are believed to be due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due or credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 10-0096.

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